

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found at least in the original claims. No new subject matter has been added.

In the Office Action dated May 1, 2009, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following groups:

Group 1, including Claims 1-3; and

Group 2, including Claims 4-5.

In response, Applicant elects to proceed with prosecution of Group 1, including Claims 1-3. In addition, Applicant traverses the restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, include technical features in common which offer contribution over the prior art. For example, among other limitations, independent Claims 1 and 4 include an electrode where edges of the current collector and the lead-outs in sites of the embedment into the insulating frame are impregnated with a lacquer solution. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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